
Domaine Vincent Prunier “Les Combes” Saint Aubin Rouge 1er Cru

Winery: Domaine Vincent Prunier
Category: Wine – Still – Red
Grape Variety: Pinot Noir
Region: Saint Aubin / Burgundy/ France
Vineyard: Estate
Winery established: 1988
Feature: Sustainable



Product Information

Soil: Mostly clay with some limestone and marl

Elevation: about 350 meters (1,148 feet)

Age of vines: about 60 years old

Vinification: The wines are hand-harvested and vinified in a classic, traditional manner, aged in a mix of new, one year and two year old French oak barrique for a period of 11 to 18 months before bottling.

Tasting Notes: The wine is medium bodied, smooth and dry with fine tannins, good acidity. Aromas of red fruit. Torn between its slopes, the village of Saint-Aubin rests at the bottom of a valley, north of Chassagne-Montrachet, on the mountains of Savoie and Ban. This particular position, long seen as a handicap, is today an opportunity for this altitude vineyard, which thus always retains freshness, even in hot vintages. The steep slopes of Saint-Aubin indeed climb to more than 350 meters and open in all directions. Here, the “villages” form the ridge, while the Premiers crus are staged in the heart of the hill or slightly lower. Les Combes in the South give very beautiful wines, combining finesse and character. Vincent Prunier has 1.65 hectares in Saint-Aubin (0.65 are red from two Premier Crus), it offers successful Saint-Aubin wines from a few family plots, supplementing its 12.5 hectares.

Producer Information

Vincent Punier created his Domain in 1988 when he inherited 2 hectares (5 acres) from his parents. Today the domain is comprised of 13 hectares (32 acres) of vines located on the prestigious hillsides of Auxey-Duresses, Meursault, Puligny-Montrachet, Chassagne-Montrachet and Saint-Aubin. The wines are hand-harvested and vinified in a traditional manner, aged in classic percentages of new, one year and two year old oak barrique. Vincent seeks to create wines that have great energy, vibrancy, and balance. Vineyard practices include ploughing the vineyards to encourage deeper roots which in turn enables the vines to capture the complexity of the terroir of each site. Vincent created his domain almost from scratch and has grown it carefully over 30 years. As a “one man show” he has been intrinsically involved in every aspect of production including many hours working in the vineyards and time spent in the cellar fine tuning his wines. He lives above the winery located in Auxey Duresses and his Auxey Duresses rouge vineyard sits directly across the road. This close physical proximity underlines the very personal signature he makes on each wine he produces.